

## THE CABLE GRIDIRON.

Seven Surface Railroads United in the Traction System.

John D. Crimmins at the Head of the 'Perfected Combine.'

Passengers to Be Transferred to All Lines for a Single Fare.

The most interesting topic of conversation in financial circles today is the consolidation of the seven New York central railroads, which have from time to time come into the hands of the Elkins-Widener-Deane syndicate of Philadelphia, under management.

The big deal has just been consummated, and it is announced that Contractor John D. Crimmins has been elected President of the combined lines.

Up to the present time each line has retained its separate management, with its own President and Board of Directors, but now these gentlemen have all stepped out of office, and one new President and one Board of Directors has stepped in.

The lines comprising this combination, which is hereafter to be known as the Metropolitan Traction Company, are the Broadway and Seventh Avenue, the Brooklyn Cable Road, the Chambers Street, Cross Street, the Twenty-third Street, the Third Avenue, the Sixth Avenue and the Avenue C and Dry Dock Lines.

The new officers besides President Crimmins are: Henry Thompson, Vice-President; Daniel S. Lamont, Secretary, and Thomas F. Ryan and Daniel Hasbrouck, Treasurers. These were elected last Friday at a union meeting of the directors of the several roads.

President Crimmins, who is one of the biggest contractors in the city and a leading light of Tammany Hall, is now constructing the cable roads on Broadway and Third Avenue, as took the latter contract after Mr. Wharton, who began the work, failed, and he will carry it to completion. It is the intention, eventually, to operate all the roads belonging to the Metropolitan Traction Company with cable power.

Mr. Crimmins is a constructor of large public works before he was of age. From 1880 to 1888 he was a Park Commissioner, and he is President of several big corporations besides being a member of the Chamber of Commerce, a director in the Fifth Avenue National Bank and in two savings banks, the chairman of several building committees of large institutions and a trustee of St. Patrick's Cathedral. He was chosen by the recent Albany Convention as one of the delegates to the Democratic National Convention at Chicago. He is forty-seven years old.

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Another of Dr. Leslie E. Keeley's cures of gold cure patients has become insane. This time it is a woman, and her relatives believe that the White Plains Institute treatment has caused her dementia.

The woman is Mrs. Evelyn Garretson, the beautiful and talented wife of William Garretson, of 30 Gardner avenue, Jersey City Heights, who was found by the Hoboken police in a demoralized condition at the door of the Church of Our Lady of Grace, on Willow avenue, Hoboken, Saturday.

Policeman White found her surrounded by a crowd of children who had gathered in front of the church and were held spell-bound by her rendition of a plaintive ballad.

The police officer himself was charmed by the singer's sweet voice and respectfully listened until she had finished. Then he asked her why she sang there.

To his surprise she took no notice whatever of his inquiry, but resumed her singing. In her arms she had several rolls of music.

Convinced that the woman was not her right mind, White took her to the station-house, where she suddenly became violent and refused to answer his questions with a vacant stare.

A physician was called in and pronounced her insane. As the woman would speak to no one, the authorities here at once what to do until a card found in her pocket disclosed her identity.

Her husband was summoned, and explained to Recorder McElmough that his wife had been subject to fits of temporary insanity at frequent intervals since she had left the White Plains Keeley institute last summer. He said he would take care of her, and she was given into his custody.

When Mr. Garretson called a cab his wife at first refused to enter it, but afterwards she mechanically submitted. On the way home, however, she would not speak to her husband and she did not leave the cab until she reached her home.

An Evening World reporter saw Mr. Garretson at his home. He appeared nervous, and he was reluctant to speak of his affliction.

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STOCK REPORTS.

Prices Take an Upward Turn in the Share Market.

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Suit Is Begun.

The Manager Alleged to Have Called the Chief a Blackmailer.

Chief Hugh Bonner, of the New York Fire Department, has at last got to trial before Justice Beach, in Part III. of the Supreme Court, his suit against Oscar Hammerstein, the Harlem theatrical proprietor, to recover damages for slander.

The trouble grew out of the non-opening of Hammerstein's Columbus Theatre. Chief Bonner and Inspector Brady had examined the theatre, and as they claim, found many defects, which it was impossible for them to give the certificate necessary to get a theatrical license.

Chief Bonner refused to allow the theatre to be opened until the alleged defects were remedied, and Hammerstein, it is charged, announced that he had been obliged to close his theatre because he was unable to obtain a license. He is said to have called Bonner and Brady blackmailers, thieves, etc., as specified in the complaint.